DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 1999

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund as at March 31, 1999 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended. The Fund's management is responsible for preparing these financial statements for Treasury Board's approval. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 1999 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Wayne Strelioff

Regina, Saskatchewan
September 7, 1999

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Provincial Auditor

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at March 31

	1999	1998
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Due from General Revenue Fund (Note 3)	$ 1,548,059	$ 1,250,345
Short-term deposits	2,173,448	1,854,044
Accounts receivable (Note 4)	48,114	147,061
	3,769,621	3,251,450
Capital assets (Note 5)	13,461,171	12,681,031
	$ 17,230,792	$ 15,932,481
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 298,008	$ 144,013
Net assets:		
Net assets invested in capital assets	13,461,171	12,681,031
Internally restricted net assets (Note 6)	2,000,000	2,000,000
Unrestricted net assets	1,471,613	1,107,437
	16,932,784	15,788,468
	$ 17,230,792	$ 15,932,481

Commitments (Note 7)

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the Year Ended March 31

	1999		1998
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Revenues:			
General Revenue Fund (Note 4)	$ 2,555,000	$ 2,756,570	$ 2,536,288
Interest	200,000	157,052	123,776
Field permits and leases	85,000	141,126	107,620
Sturgeon Study - Sask Power Corporation	25,000	—	20,827
Other revenue	16,000	38,252	97,874
	2,881,000	3,093,000	2,886,385
Expenses:			
Habitat enhancement projects (Schedule 1)	855,000	956,384	991,980
Fish enhancement projects (Schedule 1)	873,000	846,792	822,997
Grants-in-Lieu of Taxes (Note 6)	150,000	180,828	176,866
	1,878,000	1,984,004	1,991,843
Excess of revenues over expenses	$ 1,003,000	$ 1,108,996	$ 894,542

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
For the Year Ended March 31

	1999				1998
	Invested in Capital Assets	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Net Assets:					
Balance, beginning of year	$ 12,681,031	$ 2,000,000	$ 1,107,437	$ 15,788,468	$ 14,779,726
Excess of revenues over expenses	(25,398)	—	1,134,394	1,108,996	894,542
Donated land	35,320	—	—	35,320	114,200
Net investment in capital assets	770,218	—	(770,218)	—	—
Balance, end of year	$ 13,461,171	$ 2,000,000	$ 1,471,613	$ 16,932,784	$ 15,788,468

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Year Ended March 31

	1999	1998
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash received from government grants	$ 2,844,879	$ 2,499,626
Cash received from customers	177,308	226,321
Interest received	168,242	112,586
Cash paid to grant recipients	(295,828)	(291,866)
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(1,508,783)	(1,690,897)
	1,385,818	855,770
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of capital assets	(768,700)	(678,032)
Increase in short-term investments	(319,404)	(1,854,044)
	(1,088,104)	(2,532,076)
Net increase in cash	297,714	(1,676,306)
Cash, beginning of year	1,250,345	2,926,651
Cash, end of year	$ 1,548,059	$ 1,250,345

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 1999

1. Purpose of the Fund

The Fish and Wildlife Development Fund (Fund) operates under the authority of Section 20 of *The Natural Resources Act*. The Fund was established for the purposes of preventing the reduction of wildlife habitat and wildlife population in the agricultural area of the province and for fish enhancement projects intended to prevent the loss of fish or fish habitat.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

b) Capital Assets

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over the asset's estimated useful life. Annual rates for equipment are from 15% to 25%.

Donated land is recorded at fair value at the date of contribution as a direct increase in net assets.

c) Investments

Short-term deposits are recorded at cost which approximates fair market value.

d) Cash

Cash included on the Statement of Cash Flows consists of Due from General Revenue Fund.

3. Due from General Revenue Fund

The Fund's money is on deposit with the General Revenue Fund (GRF) or in a bank account included in the Consolidated Offset Bank Concentration arrangement for the Government of Saskatchewan. The Fund's earned interest is calculated and paid by the GRF on a quarterly basis to the Fund using the Government's thirty-day borrowing rate and the Fund's average daily account balance. The Government's average thirty-day borrowing rate for 1998/99 is 5.04% (1997/98 – 3.77%).

4. Revenue - General Revenue Fund

The annual transfer from the General Revenue Fund has been set by Order in Council 526/95 as an amount equivalent to 30% of certain hunting and fishing licence fees collected by the Department of Environment and Resource Management. A receivable is recorded for the portion of the revenue not received before the year-end that relates to the annual licence fees. Included within accounts receivable at March 31, 1999 is $47,563 (1998 - $133,022) receivable from the General Revenue Fund.

5. Capital Assets

	1999			1998
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Land	$ 12,587,229	$ ---	$ 12,587,229	$ 11,957,633
Land - joint ownership	804,625	---	804,625	651,488
Equipment	450,388	381,071	69,317	71,910
	$ 13,842,242	$ 381,071	$ 13,461,171	$ 12,681,031

The Fund entered into agreements with other conservation agencies for the joint acquisition of land for wildlife related purposes. The above amount for land-joint ownership represents the Fund's cost of these joint ventures.

6. Internally Restricted Net Assets - Municipal Habitat Conservation

Internally restricted net assets were established to compensate rural municipalities for taxes forgone on lands acquired by the Fund for wildlife habitat conservation purposes. The interest earned on this amount is reported in the unrestricted fund and is used to assist in paying rural municipalities grants-in-lieu of taxes on Fund lands located within their boundaries.

7. Commitments

The Fund has commitments at year end to purchase land totalling $16,000 (1998 - $16,201) and grant commitments of $489,750 (1998 - $641,500) over the next five years.

8. Financial Instruments

The Fund's financial instruments include due from General Revenue Fund, short-term deposits, accounts receivable and accounts payable. The fair value of these instruments approximates their carrying value due to the immediate or short-term nature of these financial instruments. The interest rate on the short-term deposits held at March 31, 1999 is 4.90%.

9. Budget

The Budget for the Fund is included with the Department of Environment and Resource Management's budget submission to Treasury Board. Treasury Board approves the Fund's budget annually.

10. Related Party Transactions

Included in these financial statements are transactions with various Saskatchewan Crown corporations, departments, agencies and boards related to the Fund by virtue of common control by the Government of Saskatchewan.

Routine operating transactions with related parties are recorded at rates charged by those organizations and are settled on normal trade terms. The following table summarizes the routine related party transactions for the year:

Category	1999	1998
Expenses	$ 249,780	$ 252,424
Interest revenue	70,955	85,958
Accounts payable	31,853	24,236

Other transactions with related parties and amounts due to or from them are described separately in the financial statements and notes.

The Fund pays Saskatchewan Education and Health tax to the Saskatchewan Department of Finance on all its taxable purchases. Taxes paid are recorded as part of the cost of those purchases.

In accordance with established government practice, the Fund has not been charged with certain occupancy, financing, administrative and certain other costs. These costs have been absorbed by various departmental appropriations and, therefore, no provision for such costs is reflected in these financial statements.

11. Uncertainty due to the Year 2000 Issue

The Year 2000 Issue arises because many computerized systems use two digits rather than four to identify a year. Date-sensitive systems may recognize the year 2000 as 1900 or some other date, resulting in errors when information using year 2000 dates is processed. In addition, similar problems may arise in some systems which use certain dates in 1999 to represent something other than a date. The effects of the Year 2000 Issue may be experienced before, on, or after January 1, 2000, and, if not addressed, the impact on operations and financial reporting may range from minor errors to significant systems failure which could affect the Fund's ability to conduct normal business operations. It is not possible to be certain that all aspects of the Year 2000 Issue affecting the Fund, including those related to the efforts of customers, suppliers, or other third parties, will be fully resolved.

12. Comparative Figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

Schedule 1

FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES
For the Year Ended March 31

	Wildlife Habitat Projects	Fish Enhancement Projects	Total 1999	Total 1998
Salaries	$ 494,357	$ 521,191	$ 1,015,548	$ 1,047,970
Contractual services	144,621	81,704	226,325	194,734
Supplies and materials	85,824	92,058	177,882	148,541
Grants	115,000	---	115,000	115,000
Central Vehicle Agency	56,777	52,128	108,905	108,377
Utilities	---	53,145	53,145	56,998
Travel expenses	34,123	15,411	49,534	34,634
Amortization	6,409	18,989	25,398	29,130
Telephone	12,472	10,533	23,005	26,320
Habitat leases	3,441	1,182	4,623	47,196
Communications	3,360	451	3,811	6,077
	$ 956,384	$ 846,792	$ 1,803,176	$ 1,814,977

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

LIST OF PERSONS WHO RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE FISH AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND

For the Year Ended March 31, 1999

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Personal Services (Salaries & expenses):		
Arneson, David John	$	48,873
Ashdown, Bradley A.		37,169
Baldock, Shawn		40,189
Banks, Gerald		56,881
Barton, Hazel Mildred		32,526
Beek, Fred L.		48,680
Belchamber, Blanche		314
Beveridge, Edward D.		37,884
Blixrud, Floyd M.		46,065
Cherney, Nancy		58,646
Coomber, Nancy		7,591
Cragg, Karen M.		11,563
Everett, Murray E.		2,907
Greif, Genevieve		34,226
Hagel, Bruce		282
Hildebrand, Dorlin		25,821
Hlasny, Ron		62
Hochbaum, Jo-Anne		4,420
Housen, Trevor L.		36,610
James, Paul C.		79
James, Sarah		198
Janke, Harvey		380
Joerissen, Rochelle M.		33,238
Koob, Murray Michael		46,081
Kuntz, Curtis		270
Leahy, Laura		18,870
Mitchell, Gregory		46,306
Naelapea, Ott		50,872
Nicholls, Lizabeth		42,980
Olson, Conrad H.		50,971
Phillips, Ronald W.		38,248
Provencher, Gary		52
Rosen, Patrick		33,365
Rumancik, John A.		38,486
Salamon, John P.		35,474
Sanden, Richard		468
Seguin, Randolph J.		944
Sullivan, Lorne		331
Wilchuck, Donna		21,970
Wright, Robert		647
Young, Allen		55,483
Young, Perry		5,549
		1,051,971

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Supplier Payments:	
Bakos, Daniel Wayne & St. Brieux Credit Union Ltd.	38,360
Balfour Moss Management Services	258,432
Farkus, Gerald & Farkus, Louise	29,000
Frederick, Terry William & Frederick, Elaine Louise	30,105
Gasser, Gerard Gregory	33,000
Harabara, Paul	51,000
Henrie, James	34,410
Malainey, Garth Perry	20,972
Nelson's Sterling Silver Cup	21,746
Rurak, Violet	51,000
Sask. Association of Firearm Education	115,000
Sask. Wetland Conservation Corp.	50,100
Sask. Property Management Corp.	112,626
Sask. Wildlife Federation	42,453
Saskpower Corporation	46,566
SaskTel	22,331
Signal Industries 1998 Sask.	26,069
Walker, Ida	28,800
Payments under $20,000	482,537
	1,494,507
Grants:	
Sask. Association of Rural Municipalities	178,827
Grants under $5,000	2,001
	180,828
TOTAL	$ 2,727,306